

More questions?

- Call 1-208-334-5795 and ask for school-based services or the EPSDT coordinator.
- Call IPUL (Idaho Parents Unlimited) 1-800-242-4785
- Ask your local school representative:

How can I help?

- Participate in the IEP process.
- Ask if your school bills Medicaid.
- Provide your child's Medicaid number and the name of your child's doctor to the school. If your child is enrolled in the Healthy Connections Program, let the school know.
- Let the school know of other therapists and doctors who are working with your child.
- Assure that your child sees a doctor for the annual "well-child" check-up.
- Make sure your school has a signed copy of an authorization for release of information from your doctor.

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Special Education for my child



How can Medicaid help?



Medicaid and school districts work to provide services to students with disabilities

PL 94-142, 1975, mandates that children with disabilities are entitled to a free and appropriate education. The Individual Education Plan (IEP) must specify all services needed by each child.

Senate Report 94-168, 1975, states that school districts are not expected to be the sole fiscal provider of services to children with disabilities, but should use other funding sources such as other insurers and public programs (Medicaid) when available.

In 1993 Idaho Medicaid worked with the Idaho Department of Education to facilitate the first rules and guidelines for the school districts to enable them to access Medicaid funding for those health related services that are identified in the IEP. Amendments have been made to include more services since that time.

If your child is Medicaid eligible and receives Medicaid reimbursable medically necessary services from the school district, the district may bill Medicaid for these services.

What services are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement?

“School-based services” include:

- Speech/Language and Hearing Services
- Occupational/Physical Therapy
- Developmental Therapy
- Psychological Testing & Therapy
- Transportation
- Nursing Services
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Intensive Behavioral Intervention
- Durable Medical Equipment, such as standers and communication devices
- Personal Care Services

Frequently asked questions

• How much will it cost me?

There is NO cost to you! Your child is entitled to a free and appropriate education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

•How are services outside the school affected?

Your child will not be denied services, if the services are medically necessary. Services will not count toward limits for services provided outside the school.

• Which of my child’s services will be billed to Medicaid?

Only those services that are Medicaid reimbursable and listed as necessary on the IEP will be billed to Medicaid. The school does not need your consent to bill Medicaid for services, but is required to inform you.

• Are there limitations to the services my child can receive?

No. The frequency of services is determined by the IEP team.

•What if my child loses Medicaid eligibility?

Just let the school know. This should not affect the services your child receives.

•Who decides what services are medically necessary?

Necessary services are documented on the IEP, as recommendations at the IEP meeting.

•What if I have private insurance, too?

Your private insurance will not be affected by school-based services billing.